

REMARKS

Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated. Applicant's representative thanks Examiner Chang for the indication of allowable subject matter and allowed claims.

SUPPORT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable matter of claim 7. Claim 11 has been amended for consistency with claim 1. Claim 29 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the previously presented claim 1 from which claim 29 depended. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the drawings as originally filed, for example, in FIGS. 11(A-B), 12, and 15-23, and in the specification as originally filed, for example, on page 12, line 15 through page 13, line 26, and on page 14, lines 11-29. As such, no new matter has been introduced.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-10 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Field et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,778,529; hereinafter Field) in view of Colizzi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,674,752; hereinafter Colizzi) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Field et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,778,529; hereinafter Field) in view of Colizzi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,674,752; hereinafter Colizzi) and further in view of Böttle et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,303,077; hereinafter Böttle) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable matter of claim 7. Claim 29 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the previously presented claim 1 from which claim 29 depended. As such, claims 1 and 29 are fully patentable over the cited references (see section 7, ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER, on page 8, lines 1-3 of the Office Action) and the rejections should be withdrawn.

Claims 3, 5, 6 and 8-13 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1, which is believed to be allowable (see section 7, ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER, on page 8, lines 1-3 of the Office Action). As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejections should be withdrawn.

Claims 14-16, 18, 19 and 21-27 are allowed (see section 7, ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER, on page 7 of the Office Action).

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

ET at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

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